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REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 1, 7, 9, 11-15, 20 and 21. Claims 1-4, 6-21 and 23 are presently pending in the application.


The current amendments are made in response to an Examiner Interview which was conducted between Examiner Frantz Coby and Applicants' representative, Kenton R. Mullins, on December 7, 2006, at which time it was indicated by Examiner Coby that the claims as presently amended should overcome the current rejections and, furthermore, should meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Examiner Coby did not wish to commit to the indication and reserved the right to review the case in greater detail and to conduct an update search. Accordingly, Applicants request that the outstanding rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn and that no rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 be applied against the claims.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

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Respectfully submitted,


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